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Applicant: Vladimir A. Stoy

Examiner: Alvin J. Stewart

Serial No.: 10/625,390

Group Art Unit: 3738

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Dated: August 7, 2006

For: SPINAL NUCLEUS IMPLANT

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

No additional fee is required.

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| TOTAL | 51 | MINUS 49 | = 2 | X \$ 50 | X 25 | \$ 50.00 | |
| INDEP. | 3 | MINUS 3 | = | X \$ 200 | X 100 | \$ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM | | | | X \$ 360 | X 180 | \$ 0 | |
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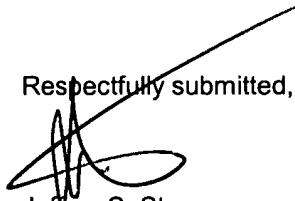
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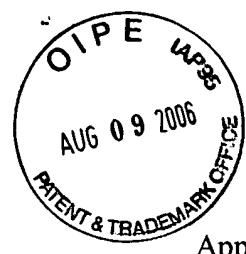
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 5, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

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